Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended): A luminescent material for scintillators, comprising a single crystal of an Yb-containing mixed-crystal oxide which has a composition represented by either one of R₃Al₅O₁₂, R₃Ga₅O₁₂ and Li₆R(BO₃)₃, wherein R is a mixture of Yb and either one of Y, Gd and Lu, and said Yb as an element capable of forming an optically active state called CTS together with a neighboring negative ion adjacent thereto, wherein the molar ratio of either one of Y, Gd and Lu to Yb in said R satisfies the conditions expressed by the following formulas:

 $1.04x + 1.02y \le 1.03$;

x + y = 1;

0 < x < 1; and

0 < y < 1

wherein x is a molar ratio of Yb, and y is a molar ratio of either one of Y, Gd and Lu.

2. (Currently amended): A luminescent material for scintillators, comprising a single crystal of an Yb-containing mixed-crystal oxide which has a composition represented by either one of Li₃LaR₂Ga₃O₁₂ LaR₂Ga₃O₁₂ and Gd₃R₂Ga₃O₁₂, wherein R is a mixture of Yb and either one of Y, Gd and Lu, and said Yb as an element capable of forming an optically active state called CTS together with a neighboring negative ion adjacent thereto, wherein the molar ratio of either one of

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Y, Gd and Lu to Yb in said R satisfies the conditions expressed by the following formulas:

 $1.04x + 1.02y \le 1.03$;

x + y = 1;

0 < x < 1; and

0 < y < 1,

wherein x is a molar ratio of Yb, and y is a molar ratio of either one of Y, Gd and Lu.

3. (Canceled):